

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **STACKING COLUMN**, the specification of which:

☒ is attached hereto

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and also have identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

**Prior Foreign Application****Priority Not Claimed**

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I hereby claim the benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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The undersigned hereby authorizes the U.S. attorneys and agents named herein to accept and follow instructions from the law firm of Dr. Weiss, Brecht, Arat as to any action to be taken in the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. attorney or agent and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the persons from whom instructions may be taken, the U.S. attorneys and agents named herein will be so notified by the undersigned.

I hereby appoint attorneys and agents associated with Alleman Hall McCoy Russell & Tuttle LLP, **Customer Number 50488**, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith. These attorneys and agents now include **Mark D. Alleman, Reg. No. 42,257; M. Matthews Hall, Reg. No. 43,653; Christopher S. Tuttle, Reg. No. 41,357; B. Anna McCoy, Reg. No. 46,077; John D. Russell, Reg. No. 47,048; Jason C. Creasman, Reg. No. 51,587; Amber X. Sun, Reg. No. 55,655.** Address all telephone calls to M. Matthews Hall at telephone number (503) 459-4141. Address all correspondence to M. Matthews Hall at Alleman Hall McCoy Russell & Tuttle LLP, 806 SW Broadway, Suite 600, Portland, Oregon 97205.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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